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SUBJECT: ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION OF ISRAEL AND OTHER COUNTRIES
IN UN HABITAT CONFERENCE AT CARACAS REGIONAL MEETING

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1. USDEL EXPRESSED TO HABITAT SYG PENALOSA STRONG US VIEWS THAT ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION OF COUNTRIES AT HABITAT MEETING IS BROADER THAN HABITAT ITSELF AND INVOLVES THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. USDEL EMPHASIZED TO PENALOSA THE STRONG US VIEW THAT THE CARACAS MEETING SHOULD ADOPT A RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL UN MEMBERS SHOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VANCOUVER HABITAT CONFERENCE.

2. PENALOSA REPLIED THAT IF THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE ARISES IT WOULD PROBABLY DO SO THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 3, BUT THAT SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE NEITHER CUBA NOR ANY OTHER COUNTRY WILL RAISE EITHER THIS ISSUE OR THE QUESTION OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO. HOWEVER, PENALOSA SAID HE FELT THAT IF THE USDEL WERE TO
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RISE THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE AT THE CARACAS MEETING, HE WOULD BE

COMPELLED TO POINT OUT, AS HE DID IN CAIRO AND TEHRAN, THAT THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE IS INAPPROPRIATE TO THE REGIONAL MEETINGS. PENALOSA FURTHERMORE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IF THE USDEL WERE TO RAISE THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE AT THE CARACAS MEETING, WE WOULD BE OPENING UP THE QUESTION IN SUCH A WAY AS TO RISK OTHER DELEGATIONS ALSO RAISING THIS ISSUE FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

3. CANADIAN DELEGATE JAMES MACNEIL DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH PENALOSA EVENING OF JUNE 29 AND INFORMED HIM OF US POSITION AND RECEIVED SIMILAR RESPONSE. MACNEIL BELIEVES IT IS OBVIOUS THAT PENALOSA HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM SYG WALDHEIM ON THIS ISSUE. CANADIANS TOLD USDEL THEY WOULD SUPPORT US IF WE DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH EFFORT TO OBTAIN POSITIVE EXPRESSION OF UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, VICE CHAIRMAN OF CANADIAN DELEGATION (RICHARDSON) EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT US SHOULD NOT RAISE ISSUE, SINCE QUESTION BOUND TO BE RAISED AT AUGUST HABITAT PREPCON AND DECIDED THERE. USDEL BELIEVES WE NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED ON THIS USSE UNLESS PENALOSA IS BEHIND US, OR IS AT LEAST NEUTRAL. WE WILL HOLD OFF CONSULTING WITH LA DELS PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, BUT WILL CONSULT FURTHER WITH CANADIANS AND OTHER DC DELS.

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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